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**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT MESSAGES
RELATING TO CUBAN SITUATION**

PERIOD 200701 - 210700 OCTOBER 1962

1. MOVEMENT OF BLT 2/1

a. FMFPAC ADVISED CMC THAT FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPLEMENT CHOP OF BLT TO LANTCOM HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

200120Z (S)

b. CG 1ST MARDIV ADVISED BLT 2/1 PREPARED FOR MOUNT OUT BY AIRLIFT SINCE 200200Z. DEPARTURE CONTINGENT UPON ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT MCAS EL TORO.

201341Z (TS)

c. CG 1ST MARDIV DIRECTED BLT 2/1 REPORT TO OPCON CINCLANT.

201428Z (TS)

d. CMC ADVISED FMFPAC THAT RELEASE OF STORM STOCKS MOUNT-OUT TO EQUIP BLT 2/1 WITH BODY ARMOR AND BATTERIES IS AUTHORIZED TO EXTENT NECESSARY.

201432Z (C)

e. JCS PROVIDED GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED BY OSD RELATIVE TO THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF THE MARINE BATTALION FROM PACOM TO LANTCOM. NO PRESS RELEASES ARE TO BE MADE HOWEVER.

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1. A C/S AF MESSAGE PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING DATA REGARDING LIFT OF BLT 2/1.

FIRST DEPARTURE EL TORO 210500Z

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LAST DEPARTURE EL TORO 221530Z

FIRST ARRIVAL GTMO 220100Z

LAST LIFT CLOSES GTMO 230400Z

A TOTAL OF 89 SORTIES ARE INVOLVED: 70 C-124s;
14 C-135s; 5 C-133s.

210154Z (S)

g. THE FOLLOWING ROUTING SCHEDULE FOR MATS AIRCRAFT LIFTING BLT 2/1 WAS RECEIVED BY EAC FROM MATS COMMAND POST AT 0100 EDT ON 21 OCTOBER.

- (1) C-124 (70 SORTIES) EL TORO TO TINKER AFB, OKLA. TO GTMO
- (2) C-135 (14 SORTIES) EL TORO TO GTMO.
- (3) C-133 (5 SORTIES) EL TORO TO KELLEY AFB, TEXAS TO GTMO.

210100Z Telecon (TS)

2. MOVEMENT OF 3D LAAM BN

a. CINCPAC DIRECTED CINCPACFLT TO CHOP THE 3D LAAM BN FROM PACOM TO LANTCOM.

192157Z (TS)

b. CINCPACFLT DIRECTED FMFPAC TO CHOP 3D LAAM BN IN PLACE TO CINCLANT FOR TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT. INITIAL DESTINATION IS CHERRY POINT.

200122Z (TS)

c. FMFPAC DIRECTED AIRFMFPAC TO CHOP 3D LAAM BN TO CINCLANT, AND ON CHOPPING, TO FURTHER CHOP TO CINCLANTFLT AND CG FMFLANT.

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201023Z (TS)

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d. CMC MESSAGE TO CGs FMFPAC AND FMFLANT DIRECTS THAT 3D LAAM BN (-) WILL DEPLOY WITH GARRISON OPERATING AND MOUNT-OUT STOCKS PLUS ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE SPECIFIED.

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201429Z (TS)

210658Z (TS)

e. CG FMFLANT REQUESTED COMATS TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT FOR 3D LAAMBN FROM WEST COAST STAGING AREA TO CHERRY POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILED LIFT SCHEDULE TO BE PROVIDED BY CG AIRFMFPAC.

AIRFMFPAC IS DIRECTED IN SAME MESSAGE TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS TO COMATS ASAP.

202301Z (TS)

i. 3D LAAM BN CHOPPED TO CINCLANT EFFECTIVE 202302Z.

202302Z (TS)

3. AVIATION

a. SAC ADVISED CINCLANT AND CG FMFLANT THAT APPROVAL FOR USE OF RAMEY AFB FOR SUPPORT OF KC-130 TANKERS AND STAGING OF 16 F8U AIRCRAFT IN CONNECTION WITH CINCLANT OPLAN 312-62 IS CONTINGENT UPON KNOWLEDGE OF SORTIES RATE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIRED.

200410Z (S)

b. CINCLANTFLT MESSAGE DIRECTING CG FMFLANT TO PROVIDE ONE (1) VMA OF 20 A4D AIRCRAFT TO CVG ENTERPRISE. AIRCRAFT, PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO BE FLOWN ABOARD AS ARRANGED BY DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN ENTERPRISE AND 2D MAW.

FOREGOING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ASAP AND NLT 21 OCTOBER.

201942Z (TS)

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c. CG FMFLANT RECOMMENDED TO CINCLANTFLT THAT CERTAIN CLASS V(A) CLOUD STOCKS BE PREPOSITIONED AT EAST COAST HOLDING ACTIVITIES.

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202029Z (TS)

d. A CINCLANTFLT MESSAGE TO CG FMFLANT AND COMATS DIRECTS THE DEPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) MAG TO KEY WEST. AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO COMATS.

COMATS IS TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT AS REQUESTED BY CG FMFLANT.

210008Z (TS)

e. CINCLANTFLT DIRECTED COMSERVLANT TO TAKE ACTION ON FMFLANT MESSAGE 202029Z. (BRIEFED ABOVE).

210440Z (TS)

4. MISCELLANEOUS

a. CINCLANT ADVISES THAT CG USCONARC HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY DA AS INTERIM ARMY COMPONENT COMMANDER TO ASSIST CINCLANT IN HIS CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

THERE IS NO CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF CG 18TH AB CORPS AS INTERIM ARMY TASK FORCE COMMANDER TO ASSIST CINCLANT CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

191736Z (S)

b. CINCLANTFLT DIRECTED COMNAVBASE GTMO TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR COMMANDING GENERAL AND STAFF OF GROUND FORCES GTMO.

192138Z (S)

c. CINCLANTFLT PROMULGATED HIS GPORDER 43-62 SUPPORTING CINCLANT OPLAN 312-62.

THE CONCEPT OF THIS PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) OPERATIONS PRELIMINARY TO COMMENCEMENT OF AIR STRIKES INCLUDE THE REINFORCEMENT OF NAVBASE GTMO; THE EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS AND SELECTED NON-COMBATANTS FROM GTMO; AND THE DEPLOYMENT BY CG FMFLANT OF A 4 SQUADRON MAG TO KEY WEST AND ADDITIONAL SQUADRONS AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A 3 SQUADRON MAG AT ROOS ROADS. SITUATION PERMITTING, THESE PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS WILL BE DIRECTED PRIOR TO "S" HOUR. OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ON ASAP BASIS.

(2) COMNAVTFOR WITH SHORE BASED AND CARRIER FORCES ASSIGNED WILL STRIKE, COMMENCING AS OF "S" HOUR, ASSIGNED TARGETS IN CUBA, AND WILL PROVIDE AIR DEFENSE AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED FOR DEFENSE OF NAVBASE GTMO.

200130Z (TS)

d. CINCLANTFLT RECOMMENDED TO JCS THAT LANDINGS FOR PHIBRIGLEX BE CANCELLED.

201412Z (TS)

e. CG FIFTH MEB STAFF ACTIVATED. PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION REQUIREMENTS WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

201536Z (TS)

f. A CINCLANT MESSAGE TO CINCAFLANT DISCUSSES THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED BY THE CAPTURE OF AN INTACT SA-2 SITE IN CUBA IF CINCLANT OPLAN 312/316 IS EXECUTED. TWO PROPOSED SCHEMES FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CAPTURE ARE SET FORTH.

201730Z (TS)

g. AT 2245 EDT LAST NIGHT, 20 OCTOBER, COL STUART, G-3 FMFLANT, CALLED EAC AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. "JUST WANT TO ALERT YOU TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY BE REPEAT MAY BE COMING OUT WITH SOMETHING ALERTING 2/22. NOTHING IS FIRM, BUT THOUGHT YOU MAY LIKE TO PASS THE TIP".

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(EAC NOTE: MGEN BOWSER WAS ADVISED OF THIS CALL.)

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h. CG FMFLANT: ADVISED OF ACTIVATION HIS OPCON CENTER EFFECTIVE 192100Z.

210300Z (S)

i CG 2D MARDIV ADVISED FMFLANT OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES. 38 MEDICAL OFFICERS AND 130 CORPSMEN ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY 221300Z FOR OVERSEAS DUTY, ADDITIONALLY 2 SURGICAL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED ON 24-HOUR NOTICE.

210535Z (S)

5. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED BY EAC AFTER 210700Q.

a. CINCLANT HAS ISSUED THE DEFENSE OF GUANTANAMO PORTION OF 312-62. THIS PLAN ASSIGNS RESPONSIBILITY TO ANTDEFCON AND LISTS THE FOLLOWING FORCES FOR REINFORCEMENT.

1 BN FROM 5TH MEB
1 BLT FROM CARIB PHIBRON
1 BN (AIRLIFT) FROM 2D MARDIV

ALL DEPLOYMENT TO GTMO PRIOR TO HOSTILITIES IF POSSIBLE.

TIME PHASING IS:

5TH MEB - IN PLACE
PHIBRON BLT - 48-72 HOURS
1 AIRLIFT CO - 8-12 HOURS
BN (MINUS 1 CO) - 24-72 HOURS

FOLLOWING FORCES MAY BE AVAILABLE:

1 BN (REIN) FROM 11 MEF
5TH MEB (-)

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202034Z (TS)

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b. JCS ADVISED CINCSRIKE THAT IT IS DESIRED THAT ARMY AND AIR FORCE UNITS REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CINCLANT OPLANS 312, 314, AND 316 BY RELEASED FROM EXERCISE THREE PAIRS (CINCSRIKE EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS).

EXERCISE THREE PAIRS IS TO BE CONTINUED ON A REDUCED BASIS THROUGH 27 OCTOBER - TO PROVIDE COVER FOR CONTINGENCY PLANS.

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